

**SENATE CONCURRENT  
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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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*Whereas, Coca-Cola, founded in 1886, signed a franchise agreement in 1907 with a group from Logansport. In 1932 that group combined with the bottling plants from Kokomo and Peru to form one organization. In 1977, they also purchased the bottling plant in Plymouth.*

*Whereas, in 1935, Edmund, Frank, and Roy Severns purchased the franchise beginning the family's involvement with Coca-Cola. In 1947, E.P. Severns started working at the plant when he was in high school and still today, at age seventy-seven, comes to work at 7:30 every morning. His son, Craig Severns, later joined the team and has been a part of the business for over 30 years. Craig now serves as General Manager of the Kokomo Company;*

*Whereas, Coca-Cola Bottling of Kokomo provides products to thirteen surrounding counties within a forty mile radius and distributes approximately 1.9 million cases per year;*

*Whereas, in November of 2007, Craig Severns came to the State House where he was presented with the Governor's Century Business Award in recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup>*

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*anniversary of the original franchise agreement; and*

*Whereas, throughout its history, the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Kokomo has played a vital role in the community. The Severns family has been committed to supporting local schools, athletic organizations, community wellness, and charitable causes. In addition to financial support, the employees of the company frequently volunteer their time to assist local organizations: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

- 1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates
- 2           Coca-Cola Bottling of Kokomo on achieving 100 years in business and
- 3           commends the Severns family's commitment to the community.
- 4           SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
- 5           transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Coca-Cola Bottling of
- 6           Kokomo, E.P. Severns, and Craig Severns.

